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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of oral ex parte communications, Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, et al., for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Georgia and Louisiana, CC Docket No. 01-277

Dear Ms. Salas:

AT&T is submitting the attached paper in response to the flurry of eleventh hour *ex partes* filed by BellSouth that purport to justify the deficiencies that remain in its operations support systems. These ongoing problems are not minor inconveniences, but serious impediments to competition that cannot be papered over in a flurry of last-minute assertions. BellSouth can remedy these problems, and should be required to do so before it is granted the interLATA authority it now seeks.

Consistent with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JM" followed by a horizontal line.

Joan Marsh

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